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FEMA: Less than a month to register for assistance

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Residents who suffered destruction and losses due to Typhoon Soudelor have less than a month to apply for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

» **A month into disaster response, FEMA continues to focus on power restoration**

Local and federal officials are urging those who still need to register to do so before the deadline on Oct. 5.

"The Oct. 5 deadline is coming up quickly. If you know someone who was affected by Typhoon Soudelor, please encourage them to take a few minutes to register with FEMA and See FEMA on Page 4



ISLANDWIDE CLEANUP

Associate Justice Perry Inos rakes the debris at the back of the Judicial Building in Susupe on Friday as part of the government's call for an islandwide cleanup. Other government agencies and offices also participated in the cleanup, which saw many employees taking to rakes, blowers, and bush cutters to clean up the surroundings of their respective buildings.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

FCC mulls rule to compel undersea cable firms to report major outages

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The federal body overseeing telecommunications in the United States is calling for a proposed rule that would require submarine cable operators to provide a "detailed report" on significant network outages.

» **CNMI calls for FCC's 'active role' in oversight**
» **Kilili: Submarine cables need federal monitoring**
» **IT&E said they did contact FCC last July**

Federal Communications Commission chair Tom Wheeler—in announcing the draft rule late last month—cited IT&E's major network outage crisis in

July, which left thousands in the CNMI unable to contact the outside world.

Right now, other communication providers—including wireline, wire-

less, and satellite providers—are required to report outages to FCC's Network Outage Reporting System. But no rule currently exists to compel submarine cable operators to do the same.

This proposed rule would require submarine cable licensees to report significant outages in "appropriate de-

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The extensive damage caused by Typhoon Soudelor on the island's forests worries wildlife biologists that local birds may be starving from the lack of fruits. Invasive vines are also expected to grow pervasively throughout hard-hit areas, the biologists said, after the devastating typhoon tore off forest can-

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A month after Typhoon Soudelor destroyed their house, Robert Repeki and his wife are grimly hanging on.

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Local



Community members register for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s mobile clinic outreach at the Tanapag Social Hall.

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CHCC, CORE hold mobile clinic for the north side of Saipan

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More than 50 community members availed of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s free mobile health outreach clinic that was held at the Tanapag Social Hall in front of Santa Remedios Church yesterday afternoon. The clinic lasted from 1pm to 5pm.

Jeremy Sasamoto, CHCC's operation chief for Soudelor Recovery efforts, said that a total of 55 individuals have been seen and checked as of 3pm yesterday.

The same, free-of-charge health outreach will again be conducted this coming weekend at the south side of the island, according to Sasamoto. The exact location of the mobile outreach will be finalized this Tuesday.

He said CHCC collaborated with the Medical Reserve Corps and the Community Outreach Recovery Effort group to see that residents in the north area get checked after Soudelor.

"It's free," Sasamoto said. "We have immunizations, inpatient pharmacy, internal medicine for adult patients, family medicine, OB/GYN, and renal specialist for all the diabetic patients. It's really a full spectrum of care and we

are shuttling people over."

He noted that several people were provided transportation from San Jose, Sadog Tasi, Chalan Kanoa, and other areas.

Community members were registered and triaged. After that a nurse determines the services that they needed and were directed to the appropriate doctors. More than four doctors were present.

"We had all vaccinations including the flu, but the stock for the flu is really small, so we targeted all 65 and up years of age, pregnant women, people with long-term diseases and all first responders. We had other shots such as school shots including the shingles vaccine," Sasamoto said.

Those that were bed-bound were given transportation or were visited at their homes.

Community group CORE also reached out to more people in the northern area, from Tanapag to Marpi. Nurses also followed them to provide health checks to those that couldn't leave home.

CORE member Mami Ikeda said this was really needed, as the volunteer organization had encountered numerous homes that had people with rashes, respiratory problems, and other health issues in the aftermath of Soudelor.

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was promoted on Bomul tour's main banner and event page on its website and via its DM and SNS channels. The promo was also supported by contribution from Jeju Air. Of 700 calls received, 800 pax were expected to book the package with a target sales goal of 1,000 pax through Sept. 23.

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Intoxicated man allegedly hits car repeatedly

An intoxicated man chased and allegedly repeatedly hit the rear of a car where his girlfriend had hitched a ride on in Koblerville early Thursday morning.

Brett Somorang Seman, 26, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$25,000 cash. Assistant public defender Cindy Nebit was appointed as his counsel. Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 11 at 9am. Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen appeared for the government.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that police Sgt. Edward Ayuyu was heading east toward Dandan along Flame Tree Road on Thursday at 3:59am when he saw two vehicles on the opposite lane.

The gray car with license plate ACB-698 had damage on its rear bumper, which was dragging on the ground.

The vehicle that was following it, a white Mazda pickup truck with license plate ACE-934, had no headlights and was too close to the car. The truck appeared to be attempting to strike the car based on the closeness and its erratic movement.

Ayuyu turned on his blue lights and chased the vehicles. The car stopped and was overtaken by the truck, which then stopped along Adobo Drive in

Koblerville.

According to Ayuyu, the driver of the pickup truck, Seman, had strong odor of alcoholic beverage in his breath, was belligerent, was yelling, and uncooperative. Ayuyu claimed that the car hit his truck.

Ayuyu placed Seman in handcuffs for temporary detention and put him inside the police vehicle. He continued yelling out to see the car's occupants.

As the passenger of the car, later identified as Seman's girlfriend, came out from the car for interview, Seman became more belligerent and tried to run to her. Ayuyu had to physically restrain Seman several times.

Seman then allegedly threatened he would do something to Ayuyu and the driver of the car when he gets out.

Ayuyu requested for another police unit to transport Seman to the Department of Corrections.

The driver of the car, Anthony James L. Benavente, told police he was playing poker in Gualo Rai when Seman's girlfriend approached him to ask if he could give her a ride to Koblerville.

Benavente said the girlfriend knew him from his common-law wife.

When the two left on his car, Benavente assumed that two men in the truck were tailing him. He was aware that she

knew the driver of the truck because she kept begging him not to stop the car for her safety.

As they headed up Capital Hill, the truck hit his car in the rear. He decided to keep driving as she was begging him not to stop.

The truck, with its headlights off, continued chasing them un-

til Ayuyu stopped them. The woman said Seman has been her boyfriend for two months. They were drinking earlier and that Seman got mad when he kept losing while playing at a poker arcade.

The car, a Nissan Maxima,

had damage on the rear and bumper, which was hanging on the road. The truck, a Mazda, had minor damage on the front, police said. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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tail" to the federal commission, Wheeler said.

"...Licensees currently only report outages on an ad hoc basis," Wheeler wrote in his Aug. 27 announcement on the FCC website. "...And the information we receive is too limited to be of use."

On Wednesday, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) wrote to Wheeler in support of the rule, saying these mandatory service reports could "ensure reliability and prevent future network interruptions."

The administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos also welcomes the new development. Press secretary Ivan Blanco thanked Sablan for his support and "follow up" on a push for more federal oversight that was made official in 2014.

Blanco said yesterday that in May 2014, the administration—through Department of Commerce Secretary Mark

O. Rabauliman—brought to the attention of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, or NTIA, "the fragile status of the CNMI's only undersea cable and the need for oversight and additional competition."

Commerce's "Broadband" report was provided to the FCC, the NTIA, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, Sablan's office, and other local leadership agencies.

"The administration not only supports the FCC initiative, it welcomes it," Blanco told *Saipan Tribune*. "The administration encourages a more active role by the FCC for the regulation and administration of undersea cable to ensure that the CNMI's broadband is accessible, affordable, and available to every student, every business, and every anchor institution."

The FCC will meet this Sep. 17 to consider the draft rule.

It's unclear right now if the proposed rule—if issued and eventually made final—would apply retroactively to IT&E, or

PTI, the owner of the telecommunications firm, and compel a report on the cable break in July.

An email asking Wheeler this question was not immediately responded to as of press time yesterday.

If the "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking," or NPRM is used, there is usually a two- to three-month period allowed for public comment.

An IT&E official said yesterday they did contact FCC on the outage last July.

"Even though we are not required, IT&E did notify the FCC of the outage one day after the outage," Rob Harrell, IT&E's customer operations executive director, said.

The recent development of the proposed rules appears to stem from a call for federal oversight to protect Internet security around the world.

IT&E officials have called the cable cut an "an act of God" brought about by harsh weather from passing typhoons.

"Imagine a community with tens of thousands of residents

suffering a communications blackout for more than 48 hours," wrote Wheeler in his Aug. 27 announcement.

"Not only were residents unable to send emails or make phone calls, their banking system shut down, leaving people unable to make credit card transactions or withdraw money from an ATM."

"This is not hypothetical," Wheeler went on to write. "It happened last [July] in the Northern Marianas Islands, a U.S. territory in the Western Pacific Ocean. The cause: a break in an undersea cable."

Noting that undersea cables carry more than 95 percent of all U.S. international voice, data, and Internet traffic, Wheeler said the proposal he is circulating within the FCC is one that would enhance the security and reliability of this "key piece" to the Internet's physical infrastructure.

In his letter on Wednesday, Sablan said he supports the consideration of the draft FCC rule. He said the recent

communications blackout in the NMI "heightened the awareness of the vulnerability of our communications systems" and a "need to make it more secure."

Sablan also announced the development in his weekly newsletter, stating again his support for Wheeler's decision.

Both Wheeler and Sablan did not cite the name of the undersea cable company, or IT&E, in their announcements.

The FCC's open meeting is scheduled on Sep. 17 from 10:30am to 12:30pm Eastern Daylight Time.

Blanco said they support FCC's call for submarine network outages that come "with enough detail to understand the nature and impact of any damage and disruption to communications, help mitigate any impact on emergency services and consumers, and assist in service restoration."

The proposed rule is scheduled under "Submarine Cable Reliability" as one of two items scheduled for the open

meeting.

The FCC schedule states that the commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that proposes "to require submarine cable licensees to report outages."

IT&E's fiber optic cable break last July 8 halted business transactions and forced airlines to cancel flights, among other direct and indirect effects. The company slowly brought interim service back through their backup microwave system, which was said to have been damaged by passing typhoons. IT&E, which expedited the arrival of a repair ship from Taiwan, completed the repair by July 28, bringing back normal Internet speeds to residents on Saipan.

IT&E has estimated the overall break repairs at about \$2 million. Official business losses from the CNMI government have not been released yet, though unofficial reports cite business losses of around \$21 million.

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learn how we can help them," federal coordinating officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. said

"We don't want anyone with disaster damage to miss this opportunity for assistance. Register, get into the FEMA system, and let's find out what you are eligible for," said Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

FEMA also reminded the public of the new operating hours of their Disaster Recovery Center at the Pedro P. Tenor-

rio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Starting yesterday, DRC will now be closed on Sundays. It will be open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm and Saturdays from 8am to noon.

Today, Labor Day, the DRC will be open from 10am to 2pm.

However, the toll-free helpline, 1-800-621-3362, will remain available 24 hours, seven days a week.

Disaster assistance may include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repair, and other serious disaster-

related expenses not covered by insurance or other sources.

Focus on power

A month into FEMA's response on Saipan, DeBlasio said their focus is to continue the restoration of power.

"It's all about getting the entire grid back up and operational. My focus is on making sure telephone poles continue to come in, all of the hardware needed continue to come in, the linemen are available to do the work and we get the power plant fixed and ready to generate power," DeBlasio said.

He added that there is capacity at the power plant that is not even being utilized yet.

"That's why as we build the infrastructure, we're able to energize those lines because there is capacity there right now that's ready for CUC to push out," DeBlasio said.

Aside from power, FEMA is also focusing on providing continued help to the individuals who have been displaced from their homes with rental assistance and repair and replacement money, other needs assistance, and SBA loans as necessary.

Beyond Oct. 5, DeBlasio said they will continue to serve those who registered for individual assistance as well as continuing with their public assistance, which includes the reimbursement for the cost incurred by the CNMI government.

He added that they are already looking at the projects applied for by various government departments.

"The projects have to be done because that is a reimbursement program. They do the work, they submit invoices to us, validate that the work

was done, that it was eligible work, and then we reimburse. So that will go on, will continue for years if necessary," DeBlasio said.

As of Saturday, 2,457 individual assistance of the around 8,000 who registered for individual assistance were already approved.

More than \$9.6 million has been approved for housing assistance while more than \$3.9 million was approved for the other needs assistance, bringing the total to \$13,681,555.27 for FEMA's individual and households program.

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opies over a month ago.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife, under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, has been busy assessing Typhoon Soudelor's impact on wildlife. In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, several biologists said the public could play a big role in forest recovery by planting native trees.

Lainie Zarones, endangered species program manager at DLNR, said it would take months to see the true impacts of the typhoon on wildlife.

"Many bird nests were lost and we are concerned about starvation," Zarones said.

"Birds that rely on fruit, like the Marianas fruit dove, or *totot*, have been seen out searching for food, and most of the fruits in the forest have been blown away."

"Insect-eating species like the bridle white eye, or *nosa*, and the golden white-eye, or *canario*, have also been easy to see now as they are searching for food. Fruit bats will have more trouble finding fruit, and trees where they roost were blown down."

Anne Orlando, Division of Fish and Wildlife Section supervisor, added they had documented many territories of nightingale reed warblers, or *ga'ga' karisu*, before the storm.

"...Now we are going to see how many of these territories are still occupied," Orlando said. "And how long it may take for birds to come back if they are gone."

Steve Mullin, DFW bird biologist, added that they've noted damage to the wedge-tailed shearwater colony on Managaha.

"We estimate that 20 percent of 150 nests failed due to typhoon damage," Mullin said. "Trees were uprooted, large branches fell into active burrows, and sections of the colony were inundated with water due to the storm surge."

"We have been continuing their quarterly bird surveys after the storm. Although, nesting of most species has been affected, we have been observing re-nesting occur, as well as young birds of species like the endangered common moorhen," he added.

Increased threats

The biologists were also asked about "increased threats" from invasive species, as the island

has seen an expedited flow of shipment of goods and materials brought in to aid Saipan in typhoon recovery.

Most of these goods come straight from Guam, where the brown tree snake has notably wiped out the island's bird population. The little fire ant was also reported last year to be a growing concern to the island's snails, lizards, and geckos.

Zarones said they are very concerned with the possibility of bringing in new invasive species from Guam and elsewhere.

That list could include the brown tree snake, amphibians, the rhinoceros beetle, invasive ants, weeds, and even diseases, which could severely impact local wildlife or local plants and become major pests.

"The CNMI has very strict quarantine regulations but sometimes these are not enough, and unwanted species still make it in. We ask that the public keep their vigilance. Anyone who sees invasive species should report them to DFW at 664-6000. If you see a brown tree snake, kill it first, then call and report it to the BTS hotline: 28SNAKE."

The biologists were also asked about the vulnerability of island forests, and if they could thrive once again as

invasive vines or pests may compromise recovery.

"With the forest canopy gone, invasive vines will regrow and smother vegetation," Zarones said. "Although a lot of vines were blown down by the typhoon, they will regrow very quickly and smother native trees."

However, Zarones said, they are certain native plants also grow quickly after a typhoon and can "outcompete vines."

"Once these plants establish a forest canopy," Zarones said, "other shade-loving native trees will grow underneath, and eventually will return to native limestone forest. This is called 'succession.'"

"With all the nonnative trees gone, we have a great opportunity right now to work to bring back its native forest species," Orlando added.

"Native plants are well adapted to typhoon and to the soils and substrate of Saipan, and they provide vital food and habitat for our wildlife," she said.

DFW says the public can help by choosing native trees that will help wildlife return to their former numbers.

These are some examples of fast-growing native trees that also provide resources for wildlife:

■ *Melanolepis multiglandulosa* (Alum)

■ *Morinda citrifolia* (Lada or Noni)

■ *Premna obtusifolia* (Ahgoa)

■ *Pipturus argenteus* (Ama-hadyan)

Assessment of endangered species

Zarones acknowledged some "eye-openers" in their assessment of impacts, like the resilience of native tree species. The biologists have also been particularly focused on the status of rare and endangered species in their assessments, as the endangered species population numbers are already low.

The biologists note that most areas of forests were devastated, though some areas were hardly touched. One eye-opener was that native tree species such as banyan, paipai, and gulos withstood the typhoon much better than nonnative species.

"Their root systems are well adapted to our substrate," Zarones explained.

But exotic species such as flame trees and monkeypod, and invasive species like *tangan-tangan* and ironwood, were extensively damaged. The native trees are especially important because they provide food and shelter for native wildlife, according to Zarones.

Biologists have also noticed that in areas of intact karst and high cliff, the forest fared a lot better. Forest was more damaged in areas where the karst substrate had already been disturbed such as in people's yards or agricultural areas.

"More open areas sustained more damage," Zarones said.

Biologists have also been paying particular attention to rare and endangered species. These plants and animals are especially vulnerable to typhoons because of their low numbers and limited habitat.

"We are looking at the status of these species post-typhoon and assessing damage to their habitat. Over time we will monitor how these species recover from the typhoon," Zarones said.

"We have been collecting rare plants such as orchids that were damaged by the typhoon and we will propagate them and plant them back into the conservation areas. There was a small population of native tree snails living in American Memorial Park that hasn't been seen since the typhoon. The snails are likely to be declared endangered so they are a matter for concern," she added.

US govt settles former Chinese legislator's lawsuit

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The U.S. government has come to a settlement with a former Chinese legislator who had sued U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials for allegedly not acting on her requests for biometrics that she needs in her court battle to remain in the CNMI.

The U.S. government and Heqian Ma, through their lawyers, told the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Thursday about their settlement.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mikel W. Schwab, counsel for USCIS officials and U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, and attorney Samuel I. Mok, counsel for Ma, disclosed that Ma's biometrics were taken on Aug. 25, 2015, and USCIS signed off

on quality assurance the following day.

As part of the settlement, the U.S. government agreed to pay Ma \$400, equivalent to the court filing fee. In return, Ma agreed to release her claims in her petition for writ of mandamus.

Ma claims that she fled to Saipan after certain Chinese government officials severely beat, threatened, and detained her due to her political opinions.

Ma has a pending application before the Saipan Immigration Court to prevent her removal from the CNMI as she fears being persecuted by the Chinese government.

Ma was convicted in March 2012 of fraud in foreign labor contracting for engaging in a fraudulent scheme to invite Chinese nationals to come to

the CNMI for non-existing jobs. She was sentenced to six months in prison.

In Ma's petition in federal court, Mok disclosed that the Immigration Court had tentatively granted Ma's withholding of removal at a hearing on June 16 last year on the condition that she complete her biometrics by Sept. 1, 2015.

According to Mok, Ma has already made three separate requests beginning in February 2015 for USCIS to take her biometrics but nothing has come out of those requests.

That prompted Ma to file a lawsuit in federal court on Monday against USCIS and Homeland Security officials, and U.S. Attorney General Lynch.

Mok stated that if Ma's biometrics are not completed by Sept. 1, 2015, the Immigration

Court has indicated it will dismiss and/or deny her application for withholding of removal

on the basis of "abandonment."

Mok said the dismissal and/or denial of Ma's application for withholding of removal will result in her deportation to China where the Immigration

Court has already found during a prior hearing that it was more likely than not she would suffer persecution by the Chinese government on account of her political beliefs.

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For some families, the recovery has been slow going



Robert Repeki and his wife talk to a volunteer of the Community Outreach Recovery Effort in front of the closet that they hid in, in their bedroom during Typhoon Soudelor.

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Agency and American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

"Red Cross came back after Typhoon Goni and they said they would replace the tarp that they gave us after Soudelor, but until now they are not here. Now we're just waiting," he said.

"The tent is hot to go into in the afternoon. At night [there're] plenty [of] mosquitoes," he added.

Matilda said they had to burn several of their remaining things in a small drum to keep the mosquitoes away.

"We nearly burned all of our wooden stuff, because [they] cannot be repaired and we used it to make the mosquitoes go away," she said.

They only use the small tent in their front yard at night for sleeping since it is too hot during the day. In the daytime they stay under a slanted grey tarp attached to their broken roof.

"My daughter went to my sister's house. She cries sometimes because she wants to go inside and stay inside our house but cannot, and she has asthma so we sent her to my sister along with her oxygen machine for her asthma 'cause my sister has a generator," Matilda said.

They also have no working car and have to walk to the only store close to their house.

Two other families whose houses are on the side and the back of the Repeki's also can't live in their homes because they're unsafe.

A man living at the back house lives there with his wife and two children. The man, who declined to be named, said that he has had help from volunteer organizations, FEMA, and ARC-NMI Chapter.

"It's just very hot, and the tent we have only covers the top. When it rains and water runs down, everything we sleep on gets wet, so we dry it the next day, and then redo it over...it's hard but we're doing fine for now," he said.

The family at the side of the Repeki's home, however, has no tent at all. The woman, who didn't want to be named, was watching her grandchild, a 3-month-old baby, along with several kids under a tarp that had a bed.

"Yes, we sleep out here and, yes, these are my grandchildren. I'm just babysitting the baby right now, but we never had tent here, only the tarp and we have plenty of mosquitoes," she said.

Volunteers from the Community Outreach Recovery Efforts gave all three family members care packages, extra mosquito nets, and extra mosquito coils, including 5 gallons of water that day.

The families around the area also noted that Rep. Vinnie Sabin (Ind-Saipan) visited them and gave them cases of water.

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Ex-teacher arrested anew, this time for 'ice' possession

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Former teacher George Taitano Lieto Jr. surrendered to police on Wednesday, a day after fleeing with handcuffs still on his left hand when two police officers tried to secure him after they allegedly found methamphetamine or "ice" in his bag inside a parked car in Dandan.

Accompanied by assistant public defender Michael Sato, the 31-year-old Lieto surrendered to Department of Public Safety Central on Wednesday at 2pm. He exercised his right to remain silent.

Police arrested Lieto for illegal possession of a controlled substance, theft, resisting arrest, and obstructing justice.

At a bail hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$25,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for Sept. 9 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nebit was appointed as counsel for Lieto. Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen appeared as counsel

Burglary investigators check AG Manibusan's old house

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Burglary investigators responded to the old house of Attorney General Edward Manibusan in Kagman after a caller reported that somebody was possibly trying to break into it last Thursday.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that investigators determined that there was no damage to the house's window or other parts of the building.

"There is no active case right now," Deleon Guerrero said, adding that he believes Manibusan does not stay in that old house.

Deleon Guerrero said that an anonymous caller reported to police that somebody was possibly trying to burglarize the house.

Police investigators responded to the scene as well as AG Investigation Unit investigators.

for the government.

A police report states that police officers Norris Kwon and Rudolfo Hermosilla were doing routine patrol on Flores Street in Dandan when they saw a black Hyundai three-door sedan parked on the side of the road on the corner of the street on Tuesday at 1:30am.

The officers could see two persons in the car and approached the driver's side. The officers identified the driver as Roque K. Satur and the passenger was Lieto.

When asked what they were doing on the side of the road, Lieto replied that he lives on the same street. Hermosilla, however, saw a net bag on the floor and ziplock bags on Lieto's lap.

Hermosilla noticed one of the bags contained a green leafy substance so he instructed Lieto to get out to be placed in handcuffs for safety purposes only.

Lieto allegedly refused and kept asking why he was being arrested. He grabbed the ziplock bags on his lap and placed it in a black net bag.

Hermosilla placed one handcuff on Lieto's left hand. Kwon

advised Lieto to comply and to just listen. As Kwon tried to put the other handcuff on the right hand, Lieto allegedly became uncooperative and belligerent and the struggle eventually led to the ground. Lieto managed to run west on Flores

Street with the handcuffs still on his left hand.

Police found a small black case in Lieto's black net bag that was found on the ground. Hermosilla found five small ziplock bags that contained a crystal-like substance and two

glass pipes with white residue sticking on the pipe.

A test on the crystalline substance from one of the ziplock bags was presumptive positive for methamphetamine.

Last June, Lieto was acquitted of burglary and theft of-

fenses during a jury trial in a case that charged him and a co-defendant of burglarizing a store's generator room and stealing copper wires in Kagman. The incident happened when he was still a teacher.

Lieto's co-defendant, Terwik A. Ludwig, pleaded guilty last February and was slapped with a three-year prison term.



» **Detectives did not find any sign of burglary, shutter damage possibly caused by typhoon**

The commissioner said the investigators told the AGIU investigators to get a hold of Manibusan to verify if somebody really broke into the house.

He said the AGIU investigators did not get back to them so they assumed there was no burglary.

Deleon Guerrero said that according to police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan, if someone looks at the house from the road, it appears as if the plywood covering the window had been pried open.



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One month after Soudelor

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Incident Management Assistance Team was deployed to Saipan days prior to Typhoon Soudelor making landfall.

After Typhoon Soudelor impacted Saipan, President Obama issued a major disaster declaration on Aug. 5, 2015, for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, making federal assistance available to aid individuals and communities in the recovery efforts for damage that occurred Aug. 1-3, 2015 and appointed a Federal Coordinating Officer to lead the Federal team.

F E M A immediately started to mobilize its federal partners in support of recovery efforts.

Mobile Emergency Response Support personnel and equipment supported the Commonwealth with secure and non-secure voice, video and information services to support emergency response communications needs.

Representatives from the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services assessed public health needs and were prepared to support if necessary.

The U.S. Coast Guard was on the ground in the Commonwealth to perform port condition assessments. The Ports in the CNMI are now open to commercial vessel traffic and cargo operations.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was tasked with the assessment of water systems (potable, non-potable and wastewater) for protection of public health, preparation of a debris monitoring plan, and addressing non-industrial hazardous waste issues. At the request of FEMA and the CNMI, EPA has collected over 350 damaged transformers for eventual recycling. EPA has set up a household hazardous waste drop off station and will be hosting weekend residential drop offs for household hazardous waste and white goods in upcoming weeks.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was mission assigned to deploy the following ESF#3 cells: the Temporary Power Planning and Response Team and Advanced Contracting Initiative, the 249th Prime Power Alpha Company, the 249th Delta Company and USACE debris subject matter experts to conduct rapid assessments of critical infrastructure for temporary power requirements and assist FEMA with debris management technical support.

In just one month 7,934 homeowners and renters have been registered for assistance and over \$12 million approved in individual aid from FEMA since Typhoon Soudelor impacted the small island of Saipan.

The Disaster Recovery Center at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe has received over 3,500 visitors seeking assistance with their FEMA and Small Business Administration applications.

FEMA continues to provide resources through air and sea transportation including, commodities and power restoration needs such as generators and power poles. To date: 99,359 liters of water, 71,136 meals, 396 cots, and 1,734 tarps of FEMA commodities have been distributed to the CNMI government and survivors.

FEMA

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power restoration crews, USACE 249th Prime Power Battalion Delta Company Team, CNMI and Guam Power Authority are working diligently to restore power everywhere throughout the island.

The Saipan International Airport and the seaport have both resumed 24/7 operations.

A total of 65 wells are currently operable with 5.3 million gallons of potable water being pumped into the system daily bringing the distribution system to 51 percent capacity. Intermittent water distribution is now available to 80 percent of the population.

Over 12,273 cubic yards of debris has been cleared from public right-of-ways.

Nine of the 14 private sector drinking water/bottling companies are producing over 75,000 gallons of drinking water per day, and that number continues to increase as additional private sector companies get back on line.

USACE has installed 68 generators and is continuing additional assessments, installations, and de-installations as power is restored. USACE has power experts from the 249th Prime Power Battalion and Delta Team supporting critical infrastructure power requirements.

FEMA and CNMI are working closely together, forming a unified effort in support of the citizens of Saipan.

SBA offers low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, most private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters. To date the SBA has approved 24 loans totaling over \$1.6 million.

"Without the full cooperation of all our federal, Commonwealth, private sector partners and the volunteer agencies, we would never accomplish as much as we have in this short period of time." Federal Coordinating Officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. stated. "We will continue to work together as a team helping the residents of Saipan recover from the effects of Typhoon Soudelor." (FEMA)

Let us salute the men and women who have joined hands and put in their best to help Saipan soar high and stand proud again.

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CNMI Judiciary operations schedule

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, will be 8am to 5pm.

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 through Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, will be 8am until noon.

On Rota and Tinian, business hours will be 7:30am to 4:30pm, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 through Friday, Sept. 11, 2015.

Changes to this schedule, and the Judiciary's schedule for the week beginning Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through other media.

The partial day operations on Saipan are expected to continue until issues associated with fuel availability for standby power generation are resolved. (NMI Judiciary)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- Sept. 6, from 10am to 5pm
- Sept. 9-10, from 9am to 4pm
- Sept. 11-12, from 10am to 5pm



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 (1) Tariff Technician-I (Rota)

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Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For additional information, please contact the Ms. Addy C. Manahane, by email at acmanahane@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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Executive Director

the school cafeteria on the following dates for the following grade levels:

- Sept. 10, 2015 (Thursday): Kindergarten to 2nd Grade from 4pm to 5pm.

- Sept. 11, 2015 (Friday): 3rd to 5th Grade from 4pm to 5pm

Important information will be discussed during orientation. Teachers will be available in their classrooms after the orientation. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to attend OES activities. (OES)

Garapan Elementary sets Open House

Garapan Elementary School will be having its Orientation/Open House on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015, starting at 2:30pm in the school cafeteria. This Orientation/ Open House is intended to inform everyone of the new school

schedule, meet teachers and staff, and clarify any questions for the coming school year. (GES)

SVES orientation schedule

San Vicente Elementary School will be having a back-to-school orientation to discuss important information for school year 2015-2016. Students may accompany their parents/guardians during the orientation. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to meet with the students and parents/guardians to share expectations set forth for the school year. Orientation will take place in the school cafeteria.

- Sept. 9, 2015: Parent/ Student Orientation for Grades K-2nd at 9am to 10am

- Sept. 9, 2015: Par-

ent/Student Orientation for Grades 3rd-5th at 10am to 11am (SVES)

Schedule of activities for Marianas High School

- First day of classes: Sept. 8, 2015.

- 7:15am: All high school bus riders should be at the bus stops.

- 8am-12:15pm: Class session.

- 12:15pm: Lunch/dismissal

- 12:45pm: After school; buses depart (MHS)

Kagman Elementary School calendar

- Sept. 9, 2015: Parent/stu-

- Sept. 10, 2015: Parent / student orientation for grades

3rd-5th at 9am to 10am

- Sept. 14, 2015: First day of instruction for all students (K-5th), from 7:50am to 11:30am

During the parent and student orientation day, teachers will be present to meet with parents and share instructional goals and expectations for the school year. (KagES)

Dandan Middle School start of classes

The school year will begin on Sept. 8, 2015. Because of the circumstances that we are all experiencing at the moment, we have limited the school supplies that will be requiring from our students. If you have any questions contact (670) 237-3662 or email lynn.mendiola@cnmipss.org and / or reo.arioli@cnmipss.org. (DMS)



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Human struggle reverberates across the global village

The escalating crisis of migration unfolding on the Mediterranean Sea and now across Europe is heartbreaking and horrifying. The displacement is the greatest since World War II, and rising. So is the desperation of those seeking asylum, and the frustration of countries and communities that feel threatened or overwhelmed.

Even from these distant shores, each of us can understand what drives this exodus. It's the same thing that drove many of our ancestors, and many of those now trying to enter and stay in our country. Above all other needs, people crave safety and security. From war. From persecution. From hunger. From repression. From poverty. From drought. Instability wracks much of our world, and so people seek to escape.

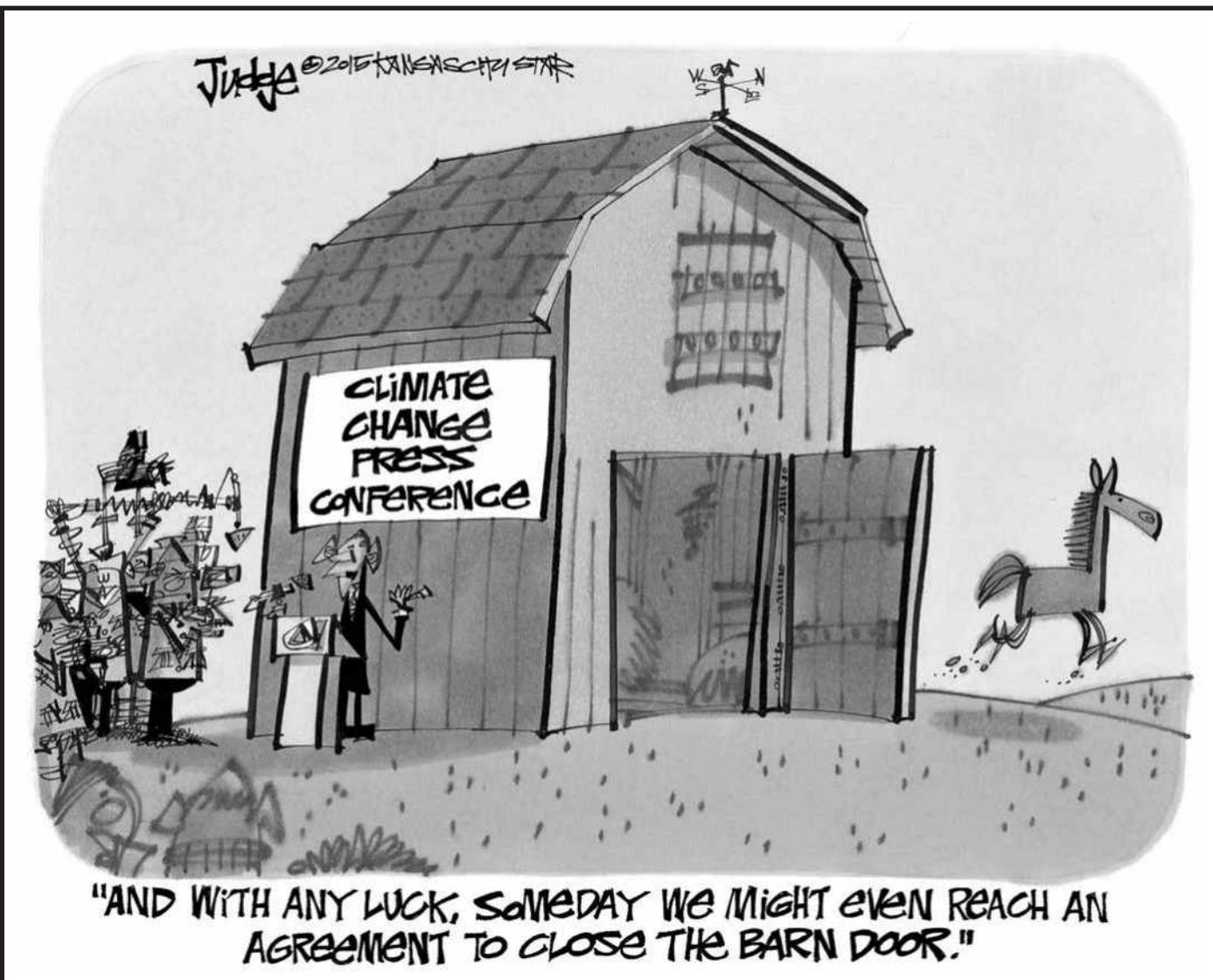
More than 2,600 have died this year crossing the Mediterranean. Dozens more have perished while being smuggled over land. More than 300,000 people have reached Europe. Italy and Greece are overwhelmed. Some countries, like Germany, France and Sweden, are trying to be accommodating. Others are not. The images are stark.

Hungary is building a fence topped with razor wire to keep migrants out. Stun grenades were fired in Macedonia. Some countries have engaged in racial profiling, others have said they will accept only Christian refugees. Xenophobic protests are increasing. And in Austria, dozens of beautiful coffins stacked like cordwood hold bodies that had been stacked similarly in a truck abandoned on the side of the road, the dead treated better than when they were alive.

The problem has been made worse by the inability, or refusal, of the European Union to respond cohesively. This crisis is a test for the unified Europe, which has no uniform protocol for screening migrants or granting asylum, nor quotas for how many migrants each country must accept.

Even those steps deal only with the symptoms of the larger issue—the lack of safety and security elsewhere in the world. And solving only the symptoms—whether in Europe, the United States or elsewhere—means ignoring to our detriment a lesson that must be learned. As the world indeed grows smaller, problems that fester elsewhere can easily and quickly become our own.

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CUC on Labor Day

CUC finally got us online. Hooray! The U.S. celebrates American labor movement on the first Monday of September, hurriedly approved by the U.S. Congress in 1887 so that the Haymarket Massacre in Chicago of May 4 of the year before, which got the International Workers' Day established as 1st of May, would not carry a socialist flavor on U.S. labor. Eighty countries kept theirs on May Day.

No matter. It is the worker remarkably among CUC's linemen that interest us. From farms as resource gatherers originally, involving fishermen in the Pacific, miners in Africa, and ag-pickers of Norte America, they graduated to the urban industrial plants that processed resource into goods, then into service providers.

Workers staffed factory lines to ensure similarity of products; mass produced items like the T-Ford to lower cost, created a consumer society led by moneyed barons. Bright minds discovered marketing has to do with what shoppers felt, what images populated minds, rather than the actual value of goods; our mode of distribution moved to the regions of the heart. Fads and fashions took over common sense, the manipulation of imagination ruled marketing, and the stock market took our money to the bank.

Organized labor in the industrial era meant workers in the production line. Resource gatherers were hardly organized and the deliverers of services moved into the category of service providers rather than labor. Labor Day became the lowly workers' day, a political concession to the days when labor unions could "make or break" a business.

Knowing now that the economic system of any nation, state, or city involves resource access, production means, and lines of distribution rolled together as one, couched in the legality to bring order in the marketplace, ensure workers' just compensation, and aimed for the workers' wellbeing directed toward the wisdom, style and symbol of a network of interdependencies, we deal with meaningful economics beyond what has been reduced to the measure of money.

But the theme of "money, money, money makes the world go round" coerces. *Don't worry, make money*, is the title of a little book my Chinese ward reads, written by a Caucasian circa 1998. The author measures the quality of person's character by the thickness of the wad in the pocket, or the bottom line figure in the bank account.

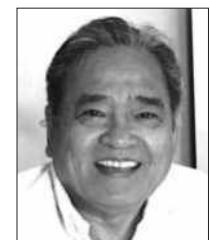
Part of the universal disdain over Chinese immigrants (it was racial in Hawaii even before Congress' Chinese Exclusion Act) is the image of a singular preoccupation with making money, more a myth than a reality compared to the rest of the world. In fact, making money is a province of the world's cultured class regardless of ethnicity and nationality, symbolized by Wall Street.

"Money is dirty" was my mother's favorite saying, not just so that

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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we do not put a coin in our mouth or the paper wad close to anything that resembled food, but also because of the corruptive influence of the dogged pursuit of the same. Money after all is but the abstracted symbol of a person's worth, and as MLK dreamt that one day his children would be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character, I add, nor by the weight of their purses and pocket books.

The pauper with the pure heart was more ideal in my youth (Robin Hood who stole from the rich) than the cigar-chomping cool dude with a Cadillac. It is the face of the numbered broker at the Exchange floor that dominates the news, and last week, we saw tremors as the *renminbi* "floated" and the rest of the currencies of the world shuddered.

Organized labor lost its vitality and has become a whiner to what it perceives to be persecution from "management." As the production lines of the auto industry and the railroads became more mechanized, unions lost their punch and organized labor became a relic of the past rather than an alternative working model for the future.

The failure of hotel unions on Saipan testifies to the obsolescence of organized labor as the cutting edge of the economic process as it once was when production was the wedgeblade into the future. Today, it is digitized electronic gadgetry on information storage, retrieval, and dissemination in the service of providing meaning fuels modern economy, an entrepreneurial occupation. Muscle of union shops lost its bulge.

The times discard hierarchical command between the boss as manager and the workers as employees, but on the network of interdependence where mutual trust on colleagues' abilities, and confidence in the integrity of roles (in the workforce and management) as functions is the character of horizontally aligned workers.

May Day as Labor Day in other countries turned political; Labor Day in September has become simply the end of summer. My workers' credo is cultural: a task accomplished as fast as possible for the least amount of asset expenditure for the sake of many; the workers' *esprit de corps* as manager and/or laborer exemplified by CUC linemen is what I celebrate this day!

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Countdown to shutdown and Shaggy for Saipan

Would you like to watch Shaggy's concert?" I asked a friend a few days ago. "Who's Shaggy?" came the reply. Two days later, I had to sing—more like hum and grunt—portions of *Boombastic*, *It Wasn't Me*, *Angel*, *Hey Sexy Lady*, and *You Girl*, hoping my journalist friend would connect the popular tunes to the Jamaican-American reggae fusion singer who served in the Gulf War as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps before kicking off his music career in the early '90s.

"Ah, that's him." Finally. But still.

Thankfully, another journalist friend from Saipan made the Labor Day weekend trip to also watch the Saturday concert at Guam Greyhound Park in Tamuning, among other things.

All proceeds of the Shaggy concert—which drew a large and enthusiastic crowd that didn't mind the rain toward the end of the show—will go to relief and recovery efforts in the typhoon-ravaged Saipan.

Soudelor left a trail of destruction on Saipan after a direct hit on Aug. 2 and 3, demolishing houses, blowing off roofs and walls, knocking down trees and power poles, flipping vehicles over, halting airport and seaport operations, shutting down businesses, and leaving thousands without power and water.

One of the most successful reggae crossover stars, Shaggy was initially scheduled to also perform on Saipan. This was later scrapped because of Soudelor's devastation. The Guam performance, which also featured Petey Pablo, Chris Boomer, and The Native, later became a benefit concert for Saipan. Tickets were sold at \$25 and \$30 each.

Saipan-based Steve Brownstein Entertainment, which brought Grammy Award-winning reggae artist Shaggy to Guam, will donate all the concert proceeds to benefit Saipan through the Lady Dianne Torres Foundation, which has recently become a part of Saipan's typhoon relief and recovery efforts.

Torres and her husband, Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres, Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), Rep. Lee "Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan), along with members of the Marianas Young Professionals and others from the CNMI, personally came to Guam for the Shaggy benefit concert, to drum up support for ongoing recovery efforts on Saipan, and extend the CNMI's gratefulness to Guam for coming to Saipan's aid in the wake of Soudelor.

The CNMI team also joined Guam's Labor Day picnic yesterday

at the Gov. Joseph Flores Beach Park or Ypao Beach.

On concert night itself, the lieutenant governor, his wife and others from the CNMI were introduced on stage even as program hosts told the receptive crowd about the reason for the benefit concert. A CNMI flag was hoisted on the right side of the stage. There were chants of "Biba Saipan."

Steve Brownstein Entertainment and the Lady Dianne Torres Foundation are among the still growing list of grassroots teams, businesses, civic groups, non-profit organizations and public agencies near and far that are helping to rebuild Saipan.

Over a month after Soudelor unleashed its fury on Saipan, volunteers "have begun to shift from emergency response into more long-term, formalized, and coordinated efforts," as Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) put it.

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After going through the devastations caused by a telecommunications outage in July that disconnected Saipan from the rest of the world, and a direct hit from Typhoon Soudelor in August, the last thing that Saipan needs is a man-made disaster in the form of a partial government shutdown.

That is, if and when the Senate and House of Representatives fail to pass a \$145.82 million budget agreeable to both houses before the Oct. 1 start of fiscal year 2016.

A bicameral committee tasked to hash out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the budget bill is now working on a compromise budget bill. Among other things, the House deems unconstitutional the Senate's reallocation of earmarks.

A closer look at the budget proposals shows there's a lot more than the Senate's decision to move around \$5.6 million so it can claim giving a 5-percent increase in law enforcement officers' salaries—regardless of their qualifications—and giving the governor and mayors 100 percent reprogramming authority.

Senators led by President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) increased both the Senate and House leadership accounts by 67 percent each, or from \$179,387 in the House version to \$300,000 in the Senate version.

The nine-member Senate also increased Rota's budget by over \$500,000—from \$5.967 million under the House version to \$6.514 million. Tinian's budget also went up by over \$600,000—from the House version of \$5.967 million to the Senate's \$6.605 million.

Senators cut to \$600 the House's \$60,600 budget for the CNMI's Breadfruit Program.

Thoughts on equality and not 'having it all'

A friend of mine recently decided to have her eggs frozen. She's single and has long been focused on what is by most accounts an enviable career.

With 40 looming large in her future, she wanted to catch a ride on the fertility train before it left the station.

She wants her career and her baby, too.

Although the circumstances of our lives are different—I'm a new mom struggling to find the perfect balance between livelihood and motherhood—both she and I were raised under the same delusion that as modern women we can have it all.

But in my own limited experience in trying to make that happen, I'm starting to believe it isn't possible.

And I'm totally OK with that.

I was ruminating on this realization, Wednesday, when I opened my laptop to learn that it was Women's Equality Day.

Indeed, 95 years ago this month the 19th Amendment was ratified, giving women in the U.S. the right to vote.

It was a tremendous victory, not only at the time, but for generations of women to come who would be able to participate more fully in the electoral process.

It's quite remarkable to think that less than a century ago, women were practically elbowing their way into the voting booth.

Thanks to the tenacity of those pioneers, today more women vote in the general presidential election than men. And it's worth mentioning that more women today graduate from college than men and those who do tend to hold higher degrees than their male counterparts.

So I was disappointed in the numerous blog posts and articles I read lamenting how women are still under-represented in state and federal legislatures and board rooms as examples of how far women still have to go to before "real equality" is achieved.

But what does equality have to do with having it all?

To be sure, trying to have it all and trying to achieve gender equality, particularly as it relates to the workplace, are not exactly the same thing, but neither are they mutually exclusive.

Most women believe that one will naturally flow from the other.

But female progress has been so tremendous it's actually become a problem for many women, precisely because it's fooled them into thinking having it all is not only possible but desirable.

Anne-Marie Slaughter famously wrote about this phenomenon in

her widely read 2012 piece in *The Atlantic*.

Although her article was titled, "Why women still can't have it all," and she spent much of the text describing her own struggle trying to balance a high-level State Department position in the Obama administration with her household, which included two teenage sons she saw only on the weekends, she believes that with changes to the structure of the American economy and society, women will someday be able to achieve that ideal.

She lists a series of policy and social prescriptions, including innovating workplaces to incorporate family life and changing our notions of the arc of a successful career.

I admire Slaughter's honesty and her desire to help women achieve such a lofty goal.

Still, I can't help but feel that she and many modern women who call on government and society to provide solutions don't realize that no policy is going to make women's choices much easier or the outcomes much different.

As feminist scholar Christina Hoff Sommers found in a study on government policies in Sweden, generous parental leave policies are used far more frequently by women.

And as Pew Research found in a 2013 study of parents, a majority of women would largely forgo a career, preferring to work part-time or not at all.

The problem is that in the quest for equality and in pursuit of having it all, we ignore the fact that there isn't a single definition for that virtue.

Perhaps having "less" is more.

And the best way to promote societal change is for more women to be confident in their choices.

Letters to the editor must include the NAME, VILLAGE ADDRESS, and CONTACT NUMBER of the contributor. Letters that do not have these information will immediately be trashed. Contributions consisting of 500 words or less have more chances of getting published. The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to publish a contribution or not; the right to edit submissions for length, accuracy, and clarity; and the right to publish and distribute contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Special to the *Saipan Tribune*

Haidee V. Eugenio is a veteran journalist in the CNMI.



For Rota alone, senators want to hire a conservation officer for \$20,000, an administrative assistant for \$20,000, and an assistant cook for the Aging program for \$14,000.

They also want to buy four vehicles for Rota costing \$20,000 each, for Customs, Sports and Recreation, Commerce and Public Works. A fifth vehicle for Agriculture costs \$26,000.

For Tinian, the senators' wish list includes hiring the following: two fire and EMS fire cadet 1 for \$16,652, two administrative officers for \$18,590 each, a police sergeant for \$23,706, a police lieutenant for \$26,406, a police captain for \$27,438, a cook 1 for the Aging Program for \$15,860, two equipment operators for \$14,378 each, a trade technician for \$14,378, a police officer 1 for \$16,652, a librarian aide for \$18,000, and a conservation officer for \$20,000. They also want \$27,000 to buy a DFW-Tinian vehicle.

Senators also want public health coordinators for Rota and Tinian for \$45,000 each, but scrapped the \$366,000 that the House appropriated for Workers Compensation claims.

The hiring and salary raises do not stop there. Senators increased the salaries of Rota and Tinian's resident department heads and resident deputy commissioners to \$45,000, along with that of special assistant for management and budget/CIP administrator Vicky Vilagomez to "not less than \$62,000."

They also want compensation for Rota and Tinian members of the Response Activity Coordinators Team that are responding to the emergency operation plan.

Senators also want the hiring of more than two dozen additional personnel on Saipan including a data entry clerk, an economic development officer, a population socio statistics specialist III, systems administrator and fulltime counselor at DPS. The salaries range from \$13,000 to \$65,000 a year.

While making public school principals the expenditure authority for the operations of their school, senators specify how the Public School System should spend \$120,000 in its operational funds.

This includes raising the salaries of PSS associate commissioners to \$70,000-\$80,000. One of those covered is Senate Education Committee chair Justo Quitugua's wife, whose current annual pay is \$65,000.

Senators also want at least a \$60,000 annual salary for PSS employees, except for principals, with a doctorate degree.

Also on senators' wish list for PSS are \$60,000 each for the Carolinian and Chamorro Bilingual Cultural Programs; establish an Office of Administrative Services on Rota and Tinian with personnel; \$364,551 for textbooks; \$60,000 for interisland scholastic sports activities for three islands; and one school bus each for Rota and Tinian.

Senators also want the Office of the Attorney General to set aside at least \$50,000 to fund a full-time assistant attorney for DPS.

Whether senators are aware of it or not, Saipan was devastated by a typhoon and the economic impact will be felt also on Rota and Tinian.

Lawmakers also need to balance between starting the budget process all over again to take into account Typhoon Soudelor's economic impact figures and preventing also a disastrous partial government shutdown if no budget becomes law by Sept. 30. Nevertheless, there is always mechanism in place to prevent government over-expenditures, though not necessarily followed, with or without disasters.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Going above and beyond

This Labor Day weekend is unique because of the hard work everyone has put in and continue to do so after the devastating typhoon. This year, the commemoration is extra special because we honor the sacrifice and service of employees who have gone above and beyond in helping restore our islands to normalcy.

We recognize your efforts and want you to know we appreciate all you do in keeping our public and private services operating. To you, we say "si yu'os ma'ase", "olomwááy", and "thank you."

May you and yours have a safe and happy Labor Day!

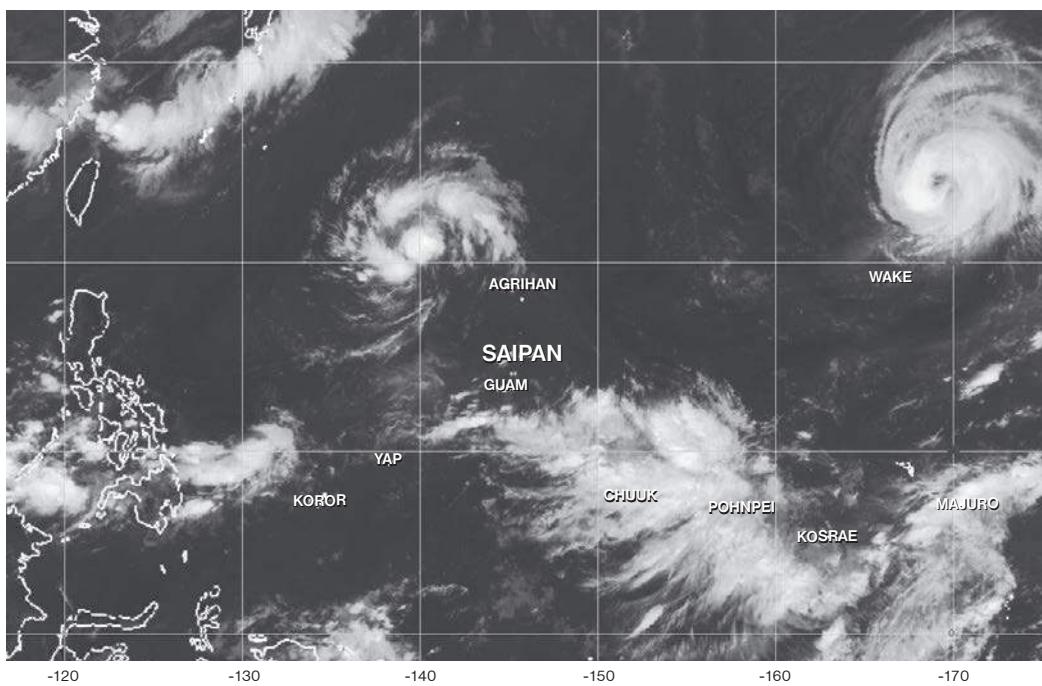
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Ralph DLG. Torres
Capital Hill, Saipan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▾ 77°	▲ 87° ▾ 77°	▲ 87° ▾ 77°	▲ 87° ▾ 77°	▲ 87° ▾ 77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Kilo is centered 350 miles north-northeast of Wake Island at 24N169E moving west at 12 mph with maximum sustained winds of 90 mph. Heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms are observed within 240 miles of the center. For more information on Typhoon Kilo, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by the National Weather Service Guam under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough extends east-northeastward from 15N130E to a tropical disturbance centered northwest of the Marianas near 20N140E then extends east-southeastward to 9N169E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring near the tropical disturbance between 19N and 24N from 136E to 145E. Low-level convergence south of the monsoon trough is generating scattered showers west of Koror and Yap between 8N and 12N from 130E to 133E. Scattered to numerous showers are found across Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae states within 240 miles of a line from 13N148E to 2N165E. Scattered showers are located near Majuro within 50 miles of a line from 6N168E to 8N172E to 8N176E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia		
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▾ 77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▾ 80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▾ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▾ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▾ 77
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▾ 80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▾ 80

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
2:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:12 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
5:31 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:44 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:26 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:25 PM
Wednesday	6:06 AM	6:24 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:23 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:23 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:50 AM	1:57 PM
Tuesday	1:42 AM	2:46 PM
Wednesday	2:34 AM	3:33 PM
Thursday	3:24 AM	4:17 PM
Friday	4:13 AM	4:59 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ626	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	OZ626	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6,				

All villages now have limited water service

With all villages on Saipan already getting limited water service, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has closed the three remaining water filling stations in Kannat Tabla, Navy Hill, and As Teo.

CUC activated a total of six filling stations for customers across Saipan after water service was unavailable in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. Acting executive director John Riegel said the water filling stations were utilized as an immediate and temporary solution to Saipan's lack of water.

"It was always part of our plan to close the filling stations once we were able to bring limited water service to every village [on] Saipan," said Riegel. "As we've come closer to accomplishing our goal, the number of customers at the filling stations has steadily decreased."

With Power Division crews continuing to energize more wells, the hours of limited water service will continue to increase. Until CUC is able to energize each of Saipan's 150 wells, our Water Division is working to deliver islandwide water service, albeit in a limited capacity, through a combination of island power and a network of generators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Below is the current schedule for limited water service in Saipan.

- San Antonio: 8am-1pm daily
- Chalan Piao: 8am-1pm daily
- Chalan Kanoa: Odd days: 6pm-8am Even days: 1-6pm
- Susupe: Odd days: 1-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am
- Oleai: Odd days: 1-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am
- San Jose: 1-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am
- Chalan Kiya: 24 hours (lower elevations only)
- Navy Hill (Upper): 11am-2pm daily
- Navy Hill (Lower): 24 hours daily
- Chinatown: 2pm-4pm daily
- As Teo: 24 hours daily
- As Matuis (Lower): 8am-6pm daily
- As Matuis (Upper): 24 hours daily
- San Roque: 8am-6pm daily
- San Vicente 1: 1pm-5pm daily
- San Vicente 2: 9am-1pm
- Lower Base: 9am-4pm
- Tanapag: 8am-6pm daily
- Sadog Tasi: 24 hours daily
- Tottoville: 8am-11am ODD DAYS
- Koblerville 1B: 12pm-3pm ODD DAYS
- Koblerville 1C: 4pm-8pm ODD DAYS
- Koblerville 2B: 12pm-3pm EVEN DAYS
- Koblerville 2C: 4pm-7pm EVEN DAYS
- Koblerville 2D: 8pm-12am EVEN DAYS
- Afetna: 8pm-12am daily ODD DAYS
- As Gonno: 8am-11am daily EVEN DAYS

Leak reporting

Given the challenges to water production and distribution during the recovery, it is critical for the community to immediately notify CUC of any water leaks. To report water leaks, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (4282).

As a precaution, all water provided by CUC will need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

For more information, visit our website www.cucgov.org or contact our 24-Hour Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282). (CUC)

- Kagman IV: 9am - 11am daily
- Kagman I: 10am - 12pm daily
- Kagman II: 10am - 12pm daily
- Kagman III Phase I: 10am - 12pm daily
- Kagman III Phase II: 12pm - 2pm daily
- Kagman III Phase III: 2pm - 4pm daily
- As Lito: 1pm-6:30pm daily
- Dandan Homestead: 8am-5pm (higher elevations) daily
- Dandan Homestead: 8am-6pm (lower elevations) daily
- Obyan: 10am-3pm daily
- Airport Road: 9:30am-6:30pm daily
- Finasisu: 9:30am-6:30pm daily

Capital Hill is broken up into three sections:

- CH 1: 24 hours daily (East Isa Dr. from Sarah Market to Kagman Mobil Gas Station (including Atbut Dr., Egigi Dr., Ifet Dr., Chunge Pl., Fakpe PL., and Fahang Dr.).
- CH 2: 24 hours daily
- CH 3: 1pm-4pm 1300 block, Wireless Ridge, West Isa Dr. to Haat PL., and Chalan Talafofo.
- CH 4: 24 hours daily (Papago Dr., Sosugi Dr., Isa Dr. from Ahgaga Dr. to Mulberry Ln.).
- Tapochau: 3pm-6pm daily
- Kannat Tabla is broken into four sections:
 - KT1: 8am-12pm (Kanat Tabla) Odd Days
 - KT2: 12pm-3pm (Middle Rd & Beach Rd, Gualo Rai St to Quartermaster Rd) Odd Days
 - KT3: 9am-12pm (Middle Rd & Beach Rd, Chalan Monsignor Guerrero to Quartermaster Rd) Even Days
 - KT4: 12pm-4pm (Kanat Tabla) Even Days
- Papago: 9am-5pm daily
- Laolao Bay Drive: 9am-1pm daily
- San Vicente: 1pm-5pm (Stanford)

Garapan is broken into three sections:

- G1: 8am-11am (South Garapan - Dama Di Noche St to Gualo Rai St)
- G2: 11am-2pm (Garapan Orchid St to Dame Di Noche St)
- G3: 2pm-5pm (Garapan - Micro Beach Rd to Orchid St)
- Gualo Rai: 8am-5pm daily



GOT MILK?

Anchor Milk, through its parent company, Fonterra Dairy, with the help of its CNMI exclusive distributor, Micronesian Brokers, Inc., is donating Anchor milk worth \$20,000 to the Salvation Army, headed by Pastor Wayne Guillespe, left. Others in photo are, from left, Major John Bennett, Marshall Islands Salvation Army; JayCee Cino of Micronesian Brokers, Inc.; Bhavya Vujcich from Fonterra-Anchor of New Zealand, and Dennis Yoshimoto of MBI.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

1st Anniversary of Eternal Life We the family of the late †Abel Vincenzo Olopai Pellegrino

Invite our family and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate †Abel's first anniversary of eternal life. Mass will be offered daily beginning September 1, 2015 and ending on September 9, 2015 at Kristo Rai Church.

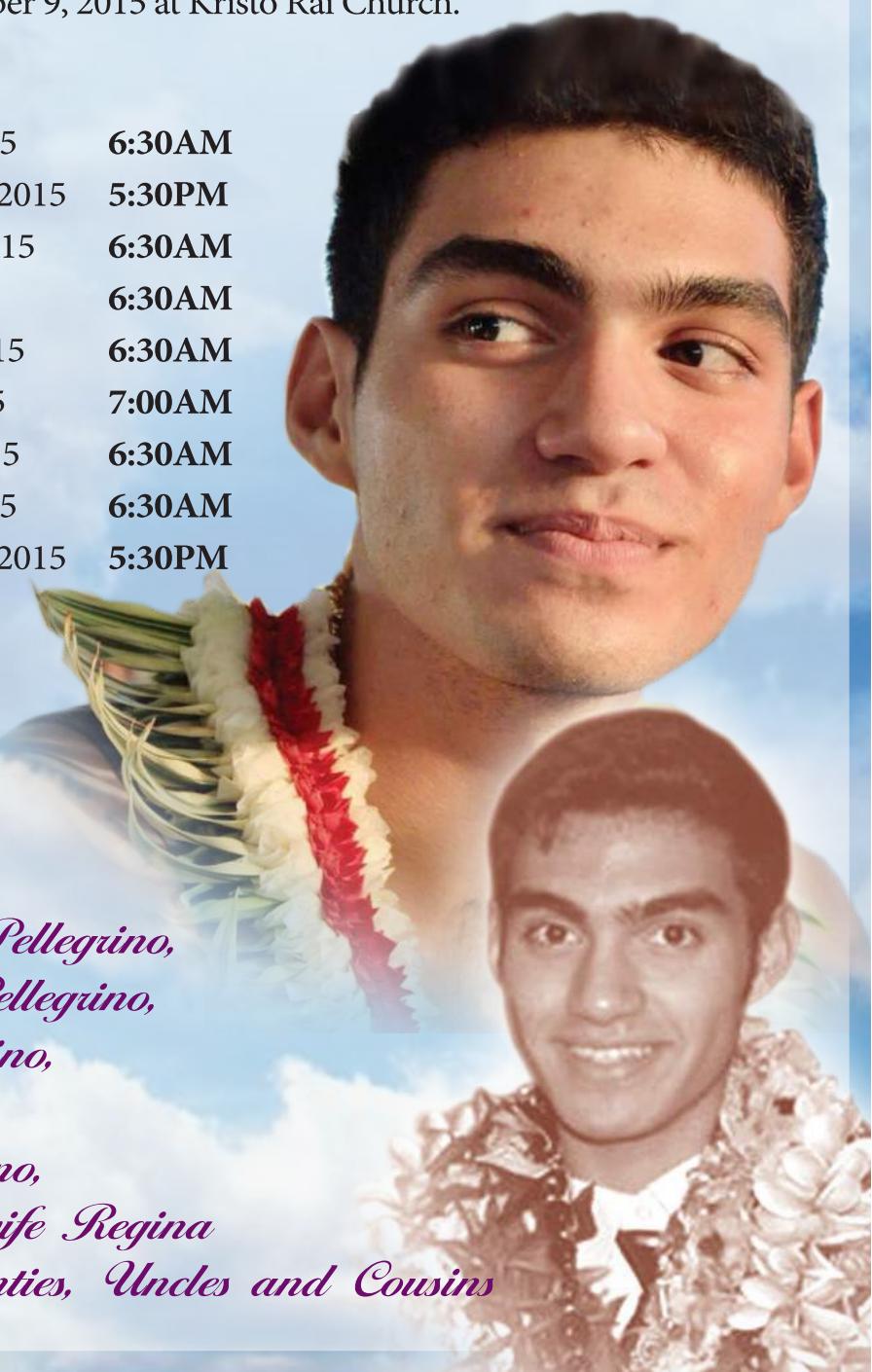
Mass Schedule is as follows:

■ Tuesday, September 1, 2015	6:30AM
■ Wednesday, September 2, 2015	5:30PM
■ Thursday, September 3, 2015	6:30AM
■ Friday, September 4, 2015	6:30AM
■ Saturday, September 5, 2015	6:30AM
■ Sunday, September 6, 2015	7:00AM
■ Monday, September 7, 2015	6:30AM
■ Tuesday, September 8, 2015	6:30AM
■ Wednesday, September 9, 2015	5:30PM

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

From:

*Mrs. Milagros P. Pellegrino,
Margaret "Miki" Pellegrino,
Neil Charles Pellegrino,
Julian O. Pellegrino,
Punella O. Pellegrino,
nephew Andrew & wife Regina
Olopai Family: Aunties, Uncles and Cousins*



Raise the Roof raises over \$30K; aims to reach goal of \$100K by Sept. 17

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REPORTER

The Raise the Roof fundraiser, which kicked off last week, was able to receive pledges totaling \$31,443 as of yesterday.

According to planning committee lead Roxanne Diaz, aside from cash, some of the donors also pledged in-kind donations.

"Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by Sept. 17, so we're sixty some thousand shy but we will be actively going out to the community starting Tuesday because there were some pledges that came in but there were no dollar

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**IN THE MATTER
OF THE
ESTATE OF:** Civil Action
No. 13-0131-CV
**MARIA B.
ATALIG,
Deceased.** AMENDED NOTICE OF
HEARING ON THE
PETITION FOR DECREE
OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION
Date: October 27, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Hon. David A. Wiseman

**TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS,
CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE MARIA
B. ATALIG:**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric B. Atalig, Administrator of the Estate of Maria B. Atalig, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a Petition for Decree of Final Distribution. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition for Decree of Final Distribution has been set for the 27th day of October, 2015 at 1:30 p.m., at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2015.

PATRICK V. DIAZ
Clerk of Court
/s/
Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION : CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0260
Plaintiff, :
-v- :
RAPHAEL I. RANGAMAR, :
Defendant. :
SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 9, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Tract/Lot No. 103 D 01, situated in Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, containing an area of 19,021 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 102 D 00 dated February 8, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-3284, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 25, 2015, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Office of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Condition of Sale. The Terms and Condition of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

Dated, this 17th day of August, 2015:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



United4Saipan's Jenny Hegland speaks at the Raise the Roof fundraiser launch last Thursday and inspires the community to help in the island's recovery.

amounts yet," Diaz said.

Despite power and water supply starting to resume slowly, Diaz said they are confident that relief efforts will continue.

"Thousands of our people are still displaced and homeless and so much still needs to be done. Let's not forget them. Hence, we must continue to 'Raise the Roof' and to 'Nā'i Ānu'mu,'" said Diaz.

Diaz said they are thankful to those who already pledged, and among them are the Pacific Islands Club Saipan, AC Pacific, Skywalker Communications Group, DFS, some members of the Legislature, as well as Delta Air Lines.

Diaz said Delta donated two plane tickets to Japan and they will be looking for a way on

how to raise funds through the donation.

They are also raising funds through selling shirts that can also be donated to people at the shelters. Over \$400 was raised through this effort, which will also be given to the beneficiaries.

Funds raised will be donated to three beneficiaries: the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, United4Saipan, and the American Red Cross.

During the dinner launch held Thursday at the Fiesta Resort and Spa, representatives of each beneficiary spoke about their efforts and encouraged the community to help.

"Let's join and help our island recover together," U4S's

Jenny Hegland said, after showing an inspirational photo of volunteers helping a home.

Various performances were also showcased during the program to further inspire the community. Gary Sword of KKMP was the master of ceremonies and Diaz said they are thankful to the station for donating radio ad space on the airwaves.

Also a big part of the launch was Skywalker who paid for the expenses of the event.

"We're all in this together and I ask you to use your personal networks and influence in 'raising the roof' in what we as business leaders can collectively do for the people of this very special place, for those

who are displaced, homeless and still in despair, and also to the many hardworking government, private and charitable organizations who are working as one strong community to rebuild and recover the island of

Saipan," Skywalker's managing director Dr. Bo said in his prior letter to corporate leaders.

To make a pledge or learn more about the effort, email RaiseTheRoofSaipan@gmail.com or contact 484-6976.

Finding playmate for daughter is the wrong reason to adopt

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



EAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old single mother of an amazing 3-year-old girl. I have had more than my share of turmoil with her father. We are no longer together, and he isn't in the picture. Abby, I feel damaged. I'm afraid I will never love again or find anyone to love me the way I need.

My daughter is my shadow. We are literally joined at the hip. She's lonely, always around adults and has no one her age to play with. I really want to have another child. While I may never have the right man to father one, I'd like to save a life and adopt another daughter and playmate for my little girl.

Some people may see me as too young or unable to do it. But the love, care and providing for my child exceed anything I'll ever do in my life. What do you think?

MATERNAL MIDWESTERNER

DEAR M.M.: To adopt a child for the reason you have stated would be a terrible disservice to an innocent child. If you want your little girl to learn to make friends with other children, then enroll her in day care, where she will be exposed to some.

As to your feeling that you are damaged and will never find love again, many women feel as you do after a bad breakup. Most of them heal, learn from their experience and go on to have fulfilling lives. In your case, it may take the help of a therapist to find your self-confidence again. But trust me, it can be done. Another child is not the answer to what's ailing you right now.

DEAR ABBY: My 35-year-old sister accompanied me to see the doctor because I told her I have been having thoughts of harming myself. While we were there, the doctor expressed concern about the amount of strong prescription painkillers I have been taking. He brought up my record, and it showed I have picked up this medication four times in the last month.

Abby, my sister has been getting these pills, not me! In the past, she ordered them and picked them up for me when I was unable to do it myself, but I had no idea she has been collecting more in my name until today. I didn't want to get her in trouble, so I didn't admit the truth to the doctor, but then he started to insist that my sister keep any medications I have under lock and key "in case I decide to harm myself."

I don't know what to do. She made me promise not to tell anyone, and I don't want to get her into trouble. (She's training to be a nurse and this could get her kicked out of the course.) Please help.

ANXIOUS IN ENGLAND

DEAR ANXIOUS: Straighten this out with your doctor immediately! Do not try to "protect" your sister. There are programs for health care workers who become addicted to drugs, and she needs to get into one right now. If you need medications, you will have to arrange for someone other than your sister to dole them out -- another relative, a friend, pharmacist, whomever. Your doctor may be able to suggest someone.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-021

Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Recovery Project - "Engineering Consultant Services"

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Expedited Request for Proposals (CUC-RFP-15-021) for **Engineering Consultant Services for conducting Engineering Assessment and Provision of Repair Plans and Procedures for three (3) Power Plant Facilities Projects on Saipan: Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4.**

As this project is time sensitive, with critical effects on the economy, health and life of the island of Saipan's residents and its business community, under this contract, CUC may award to multiple consultant firms to perform the scope of work at one or more power plants.

These options allow the CUC an opportunity to select more than one proposer, if that decision serves the best interest of CUC, at any given time, depending on this RFP's response.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 PM (ChST), Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays, until September 17, 2015.

One (1) original and five (5) copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "(CUC-RFP-15-021) for **Engineering Consultant Services**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than September 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. CUC reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline. Proposals shall be evaluated as per the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations.

A **mandatory Pre-proposal Conference** will be conducted at the Power Plant I Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **September 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visits to Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4 facilities will be arranged. Proposers should familiarize themselves with the site conditions at each facility so all sites can be evaluated properly.

Contract(s) will be awarded to the firm(s) submitting the most responsive proposal(s), and who is/are determined by CUC to be best qualified firm(s) to successfully perform the work, and to meet all other requirements thereof. CUC reserves the rights, nevertheless, to accept a proposal other than the lowest, if it determines that CUC's interest will be best served by doing so, or to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals received.

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 22, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Solution time: 27 mins.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Evan Rachel Wood, 28; Devon Sawa, 37; Oliver Hudson, 39; Michael Emerson, 61.

Happy Birthday: An innovative approach to work and personal projects will help you stand out. Think outside the box, but remain within your budget. Compromise and creativity will lead to solutions that will outperform any competition you encounter. You should aim to please, but not at the expense of falling behind. Put your priorities in order and your goals first. Your numbers are 4, 11, 17, 29, 33, 35, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't get worked up over nothing. Focus on fun, entertainment and personal improvement and you will avoid letting your emotions get the better of you. Say little, do a lot and strive for self-perfection. Romance will enhance your day. ☀

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use your energy wisely. Ask for help, but have incentives ready to ensure that the assistance you receive is top-notch. Keep an open mind and learn as you go. A visit to a friend or relative will be enlightening. ☀

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make positive changes, work on your personal relationships and be realistic when it comes to your goals and the promises you make. Let your charm and intellect lead you to overall improvements. Love is on the rise. ☀

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions will be exaggerated. Offer compassion in all your dealings. Refuse to let

what others do daunt you, and don't be afraid to do your own thing. Say little and you'll avoid opposition. ☀

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put yourself in situations that are unfamiliar and will add a little adventure to your life. Trying something new and sharing your experience with someone you enjoy being around will result in future plans and commitments. ☀

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do your best to get along with everyone you encounter. Acceptance and recognition will be the key to reaching your goals. Be prepared to share. What you are willing to do for others will ensure that you get the same in return. ☀

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't push or allow anyone to push you. It's important that you size up whatever situation you face and deal with matters rationally. Don't let an emotional matter interfere with your responsibilities. Don't make any impulsive moves. ☀

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Interact with your peers and make a point to meet new people by participating in an interest you want to pursue. A proposal you make will be well received by most, but someone who is jealous will oppose you. ☀

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let someone else take over your projects. Jump into action and make things happen. You will make an impression and be complimented for your contributions. Your charm will spark a romantic evening with someone special. ☀

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Personal issues will perplex you. Confusion will set in while traveling or communicating with people who don't think the same way you do. Make your point clear to avoid being misinterpreted. Money will come from an unusual source. ☀

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put personal improvements at the top of your list. Spending time with peers, pets or family members will bring about changes that can influence your finances. Planning interesting projects with children will change your life and your attitude. ☀

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An optimistic outlook will go a long way. Information will be offered that can help you advance. Don't fear taking an unfamiliar route in order to reach your goals. Let your intuition and past experience guide you. Explore different lifestyles. ☀

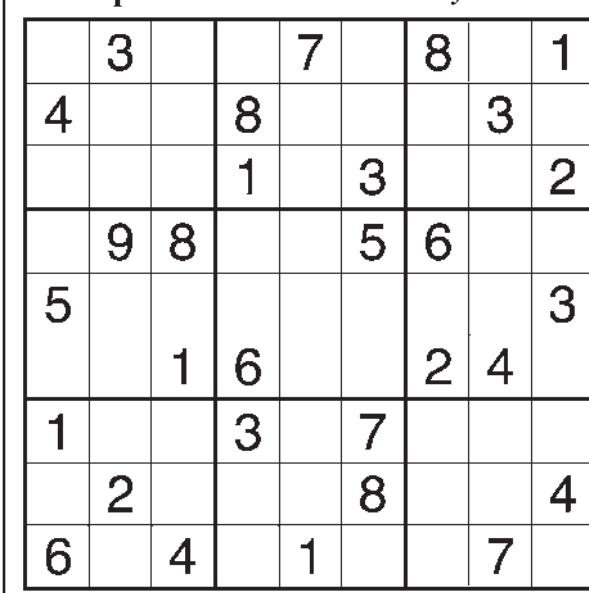
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By Dave Green



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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

6	5	3	8	9	2	7	1	4
2	4	9	6	1	7	5	3	8
1	7	8	4	3	5	6	2	9
7	1	5	9	6	4	3	8	2
3	8	4	7	2	1	9	5	6
9	2	6	5	8	3	1	4	7
8	3	7	1	4	9	2	6	5
5	6	1	2	7	8	4	9	3
4	9	2	3	5	6	8	7	1

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By DAVID OUELLET

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GENERAL: ROBERT E. LEE

Solution: 11 letters

B	T	P	A	T	M	I	L	I	T	A	R	Y	T	G
N	R	R	E	D	N	E	R	R	U	S	R	D	E	
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L	B	E	D	E	T	I	D	F	I	S	I	R	T	
P	O	I	N	T	S	I	S	G	A	H	W	G	E	
D	R	R	E	O	E	N	H	X	L	D	E	I	I	
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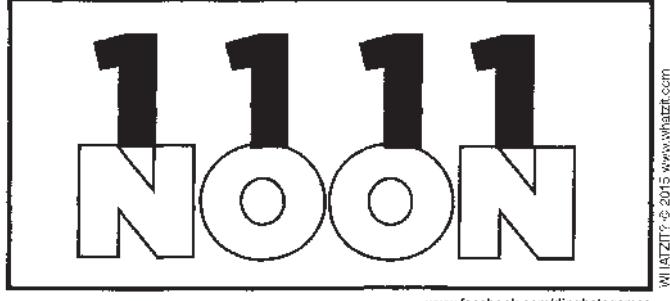
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**Northern Marianas
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Navigating the Human Experience

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors

Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council (Council) wishes to announce a vacancy on its board of directors.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council's mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Robert H. Hunter**, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950 or delivered to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 30, 2015**. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.northernmariannahumanities.org.



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Colon pitches 9-hitter, Mets hit 3 HRs to beat Marlins, 7-0

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(AP)—Bartolo Colon pitched a nine-hitter and made a nifty behind-the-back toss on a grounder, and the New York Mets hit three homers in a 7-0 victory over the Miami Marlins on Saturday night.

Colon (13-11) struck out two and walked none while throwing 100 pitches and extending his scoreless innings streak to 25. The 42-year-old right-hander became the oldest Mets pitcher to throw a shutout. He topped Miguel Batista, who threw one at age 40 in 2011.

It was Colon's 36th career complete game and 13th career shutout. He last accomplished both feats during the 2013 season. It was also the 12th shutout for Mets pitchers this season.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 1

In Toronto, David Price earned his 100th career victory, Jose Bautista hit his 32nd home run of the season and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-1 on Saturday.

The AL East-leading Blue Jays bounced back from a 10-2 loss to Baltimore on Friday night. Toronto hasn't dropped two in a row since Aug. 14-15 against the Yankees.

Rays 3, Yankees 2

In New York, Didi Gregorius lined out with the bases loaded to end the eighth inning and whacked his bat toward the dugout, a telling sign of frustration for the Yankees during a costly loss.

Asdrubal Cabrera hit a two-run single and Kevin Kiermaier had an RBI single as Tampa Bay handed Nathan Eovaldi (14-3) his first loss since mid-June, snapping the right-hander's nine-game winning streak.



AP

New York Mets starting pitcher Bartolo Colon (40) throws against the Miami Marlins in the first inning during a baseball game in Miami, Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015.

Brewers 8, Reds 6, 1st game

Brewers 7, Reds 3, 2nd game

In Cincinnati, rookie Shane Peterson hit his first career home run, Elian Herrera added his second homer of the day and Ariel Pena got the win in his major league debut as Milwaukee completed a sweep of their day-night doubleheader against Cincinnati.

Peterson led off the sixth inning with a 366-foot drive into the right field seats for his second RBI of the game, helping the Brewers extend their winning streak to six games with their first doubleheader sweep since taking two from the Cubs on July 30, 2013, in Chicago. Milwaukee won the opener of the day-night doubleheader 8-6.

In the first game, Herrera hit a tiebreaking home run on reliever J.J. Hoover's first pitch of the eighth inning.

Cubs 2, Diamondbacks 0

In Chicago, Jake Arrieta pitched eight innings of four-

hit ball for his major league-best 18th win to lead the Cubs.

Arrieta also struck out seven in his first start since he threw his first career no-hitter against the Dodgers last Sunday. It was the seventh consecutive victory for the right-hander, who has allowed just two earned runs in 50 1/3 innings during his win streak.

Red Sox 9, Phillies 2

In Boston, David Ortiz hit his 496th career home run, reaching 30 in a season for a team-record ninth time as Boston beat Philadelphia.

The 39-year-old Ortiz surpassed Hall of Famer Ted Williams' eight 30-homer seasons with the Red Sox. Big Papi set the mark with a drive that hooked around the Pesky Pole, capping an eight-run fourth inning.

Xander Bogaerts hit a three-run double during Boston's big burst.

Cardinals 4, Pirates 1

In St. Louis, Jaime Garcia pitched seven scoreless innings, Matt Carpenter homered and St. Louis beat Pittsburgh.

Garcia (8-4) struck out a

season-high nine, walked one and allowed four hits for his 50th career win to help the Cardinals push their lead over the Pirates to 6 1/2 games in the NL Central.

Kevin Siegrist followed with a scoreless eighth before Trevor Rosenthal gave up a two-out run in the ninth.

Tigers 6, Indians 0

In Detroit, Alfredo Simon pitched seven strong innings and J.D. Martinez homered as slumping Detroit beat Cleveland.

Simon (12-9) became the first Tigers pitcher besides Justin Verlander to win a game since his own one-hit shutout of the Rangers on Aug. 20. This time, he didn't allow a hit until the sixth and only gave up two hits while walking four.

Simon allowed 14 runs in 9 1-3 innings in two starts between his wins over Texas and Cleveland. Despite his winning record, he is tied for the major league lead with seven starts allowing six-plus runs.

Twins 3, Astros 2

In Houston, Eddie Rosario hit

a tiebreaking two-run triple in the ninth inning and Minnesota held on to beat Houston.

Ervin Santana (4-4) gave up just one run and six hits over eight innings to help the Twins bounce back after an 8-0 loss in the series opener the previous night.

Nationals 8, Braves 2

In Washington, Bryce Harper had three hits, including his 33rd home run, and Gio Gonzalez tossed six scoreless innings to lead Washington to its fourth straight win.

The Nationals remained five games back of the NL East-leading Mets, who beat the Marlins 7-0.

Harper's two-run blast, which doubled as his 500th career hit, capped a four-run third inning against Atlanta starter Shelby Miller (5-13). The National League batting leader also doubled twice.

White Sox 6, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Jose Quintana pitched seven scoreless innings and Alexei Ramirez hit a three-run homer for Chicago.

Quintana (8-10) defeated the Royals for the first time in 17 career starts after losing his first six decisions. Quintana, who is 4-1 in nine starts since July 24, yielded five doubles—including two to Kendrys Morales. He struck out four and walked none.

Giants 7, Rockies 3

In Denver, Jake Peavy doubled twice and pitched into the sixth inning, and San Francisco snapped a seven-game los-

ing streak.

Angel Pagan and Gregor Blanco went deep for the Giants, who had 15 hits.

Nolan Arenado homered for the sixth straight game to set a Rockies franchise record. It matched the longest streak in the majors since Chris Davis did it with Baltimore in 2012.

Dodgers 2, Padres 0

In San Diego, Alex Wood pitched seven strong innings, and Carl Crawford and Joc Pederson had run-scoring hits to lead the Dodgers.

Wood (10-9) gave up three hits, walked four and hit a batter while striking out four in his eighth start for the Dodgers since coming over in a trade from Atlanta.

Crawford's RBI double in the fourth was enough for Los Angeles to win for the 10th time in 12 games and improve to a season-high 19 games over .500.

Rangers 2, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Calif., Derek Holland allowed three hits over eight innings and Rougned Odor hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth to lead Texas.

Holland (3-1) struck out five and walked two. He yielded just one hit through his last 6 1/3 innings in his fifth start of the season, six days after throwing a three-hit shutout against Baltimore and striking out 11.

Mariners 8, Athletics 3

In Oakland, Calif., Felix Hernandez pitched eight strong innings, Robinson Cano drove in two runs, and Seattle won its fourth straight.

Logan Morrison and Shawn O'Malley each homered as the Mariners matched their season-best win streak from May 8-12, which included a three-game sweep of the A's. Mark Trumbo, Kyle Seager and Brad Miller also drove in runs.

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Tim Tebow once again biggest name among NFL cuts

By ARNIE STAPLETON
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 Tim Tebow is the biggest name among NFL cuts for the second time in three years.

Tebow had seemingly won the No. 3 QB job when Philadelphia traded Matt Barkley to Arizona on Friday.

But coach Chip Kelly cut the unconventional quarterback who showed improved accuracy since his first stint in the NFL.

"We felt Tim has progressed, but we didn't feel he was good enough to be the (No.) 3 right now," Kelly said.

Tebow last played in a regular-season game in 2012 with the Jets, who traded for him a day after Peyton Manning went to Denver. The Patriots cut

wouldn't be guaranteed.

"For now, it's (hash)bloodymary time," Flynn tweeted along with a photo of a cocktail garnished with celery, olives and two strips of bacon.

One quarterback who isn't looking for work is Robert Griffin III, who lost his starting job in Washington to Kirk Cousins in the preseason but not his roster spot.

Other notable players whose phones buzzed with that dreaded call to turn in their team-issued tablets included:

WR Reggie Wayne, who caught two passes in the pre-season after joining the Patriots in mid-August.

Veteran CB Will Blackmon, who was released by the Seahawks, as surprising decision as it appeared he was in line to be Seattle's starting nickel cornerback.

DL Darnell Dockett after the 49ers gave him \$2 million guaranteed.

MLB Jameel McClain, who led the Giants last year with 117 tackles.

Bengals DT Devon Still, whose daughter Leah's cancer went into remission this spring.

RB Jonas Gray, who never got out of Bill Belichick's dog house after oversleeping and missing practice a few days after his 199-yard rushing performance against Indianapolis last season.

WR James Jones, who was cut by the Giants but should draw interest, particularly from his former team, the Packers, who lost Jordy Nelson to a season-ending knee injury last month.

Titans WR Hakeem Nicks, a former first-round draft pick of the Giants who played in Indy last season.

DE IK Enemkpali, who gained infamy by breaking Jets QB Geno Smith's jaw last month but got released by the Bills.

Veteran K Nick Novak, released by the San Diego Chargers after being beaten out by rookie Josh Lambo.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Roger Federer might not be so keen to try out his old-dog-new-trick, rush-the-net “SABR”—“sneak attack by Roger”—return strategy against his next opponent at the U.S. Open.

“I don’t think so,” Federer said. “I can always try. But it’s probably not the right guy to do

it against.”

Probably not.

That’s because the second-seeded Federer, who advanced Saturday by beating 29th-seeded Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, will have to deal with 6-foot-10 American John Isner and his massive serve in the fourth

round.

“The idea is not to use it very much against a player like that,” Federer said about his innovative and risky approach to attacking second serves, racing forward as the ball arrives to pluck it off the ground with what amounts to a half-volley. “I

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AP
Roger Federer, of Switzerland, hits balls into the stands after defeating Philipp Kohlschreiber, of Germany, during the third round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, in New York.

have done pretty well over the years against big servers, so, I mean, clearly I will think about it. But I don’t think that’s going to be the turning point of the match, to be quite honest. I need to make sure I

protect my own serve first.”

Federer has been doing that rather well, lately. While dropping a total of only 20 games and zero sets through three matches, he has been broken only twice - both times by Kohlschreiber.

Of Federer’s 17 Grand Slam titles, five came at Flushing Meadows from 2005-08, and he has reached the fourth round for the 15th year in a row.



The 13th-seeded Isner, meanwhile, had lost in the third round each of the past three years - and each time, coincidentally, against Kohlschreiber.

After moving on when Jiri Vesely of the Czech Republic retired because of a neck injury after dropping the first two sets, Isner was asked about the possibility of dealing with Federer’s newfangled return on Monday.

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Federation) tournament as a guest squad,” said Izuka, adding that back then the CNMI team from the fledgling NMIFA had players with raw talent and as expected lost all its games in China.

From being a guest team, the CNMI went on to regularly compete in EAFF-sanctioned events and in the last three or four years, the Commonwealth has also been invited to join

AFC competitions. In these tournaments, CNMI players did not only show significant improvement, but also recorded wins that earned them respect from their counterparts in EAFF and AFC.

“We made significant progress in the last 10 years through many defeats, tribulation, and several victories. Thanks to coaches, parents, NMIFA and its officials, our supporters in the international football community and to our football clubs—the backbone of our youth program,” Izuka said.

With these accomplishments and another opportunity to compete in off-island tournaments, Izuka challenged the three teams to play their best, be good ambassadors of the CNMI, and always work as a team.

“You are very lucky to enjoy this opportunity,” added Izuka, who noted how NMIFA president Jerry Tan and his team worked hard to give this kind of chance to a small island like the CNMI.

For his part, Tan said having three teams competing in an AFC event is a fitting gift for

NMIFA’s 10th anniversary celebration this year.

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Players that would take part in next month’s 2015 Triple A Youth Baseball League would also get a chance to be members of the CNMI Under-21 All-Star team that would see action in a Baseball Confederation of Oceania-organized tournament.

The Triple A baseball league is organized by the Division of Youth Services for the Summer/Fall season and in cooperation with the Saipan Baseball League through coordinator Tony Rogolifoi.

“The [youth] league is a stepping stone for potential All-Stars who will represent the CNMI in the BCO U21 Baseball Tournament, which SBL would host [on Saipan] either on the week after Christmas or

the second week of January in 2016,” said Rogolifoi. The DYS-funded Triple A league was originally scheduled in August but was moved to late October after Typhoon Souledor damaged the Francisco M. “Tan Ko” Palacios Baseball Field and other sports facilities on the island.

The Tan Ko field, recently, hosted the Little League Asia-Pacific-Middle East Regional Baseball Tournament in the Junior, Senior, and Big League divisions.

Rogolifoi, in an earlier interview by the *Saipan Tribune*, said that some of the lights at Tan Ko field were either missing or not aligned and needs to be fixed after their initial inspection.

The surrounding fence and other areas of the facility, including the batting cages, were also damaged and needs to be repaired.

Rogolifoi, who is also the

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Rick Ewing and Matt Porter.

“I will be an assistant coach for our golf team and now pursue my career as a professional golfer while I finish my education in the spring,” added Kim, last season’s RMAC most valuable player and also joined teammate Julie Sanchez on the RMAC All-Tournament team.

Kim maxed out her playing years as RMAC and NCAA Division II counted her one-year of studying at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville, Virginia, and red-shirting for CSU.

She suited up for CSU-Pueblo in 2013 and is considered to be one of the most successful female golfers in the school’s history after being named as RMAC Golfer of the Year three times.

Juniors Natasha Navarro, who was also part of last year’s team that placed second behind Metro State University of Denver, and transferee Jacqueline Porman will try to lead a young but talented squad that also features three first year players.

Colorado natives Courtney Ewing and Tori Goodman, and Malaysian Jolene Kam were the new recruits of Koschke on the team.

Kim then thanked everyone that helped her in her career as a Lady ThunderWolf. “I’ve never been so blessed to be apart of the CUS-Pueblo family the past four years.”

“I’m thankful for the team and the coaching staff for being by my side through everything. It was quite the adventure and I am excited to see what the future has in store for me,” ended the 2015 CSU-Pueblo Female Athlete of the Year.

She also represented CSU-Pueblo in the NCAA Division II National Championships twice, doing it the first time in her rookie year with the Lady ThunderWolves in 2013.

match into overtime.

In the extension, Pasion De Amor remained afloat in the first two minutes, as it was down by only a hair, 79-80, after Nestor Arreza’s trey. However, it was all Hard Kulangot in the last three minutes, as it pushed the ball hard in the ensuing plays to capitalize on the depleted Pasion De Amor crew and steal the win after falling behind by as much as 9 points in regulation, 49-58.

Marlon De Dios paced Hard Kulangot with his 23 points, while three of his teammates also broke into double figures. Barrios chipped in 17, while Marlo Ibanez and Jerome Pol-

isco contributed 13 and 10, respectively.

Nestor Arreza had 25 to lead Pasion De Amor, which drew 18 markers from Demapan before the agile big man left the court. Pestillo, Elmer Estdelon, and Boyer Arreza completed Pasion De Amor’s box score, logging 17, 15, and 6 markers.

Meanwhile, last Friday’s game between Red Rice and Eh Di Wow and last Saturday’s second match featuring Purple Rain and Oh My J were halted due to the lack of light at the Navy Hill court. Red Rice was on top of Eh Di Wow, 49-37, with 10:24 left in the match, while last Saturday’s game did not even complete the first half of play.

The two suspended matches were scheduled to continue last night after two double-header featuring Wag Kang Pabebe versus Eh Di Wow and Hard Kulangot against Red Rice. Results of these games will be reported later this week.

Hard Kulangot 85 — De Dios 23, Barrios 17, Ibanez 13, Polisco 12, Garcia 8, Lontoc 6, Ebuen 4, Cultura 2.

Pasion De Amor 81 — N. Arreza 25, Demapan 18, Pestillo 17, Estdelon 15, B. Arreza 6.

Scoring by halves: 34-32, 71-71, 85-81 (OT).

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halted by a light shower and never came back. Before Demapan’s disappearance, Pasion De Amor was clinging to a shaky 71-70 lead after Elmer Estdelon canned a wide-open layup off the former’s pass in a fastbreak play.

Hard Kulangot sued for time after Pasion De Amor regained the upper hand, however the game took time to resume due to the rain, which lasted for about 10 minutes. When the court dried and the opposing teams were ready to play again, Demapan was nowhere to be

found and Pasion De Amor was forced to play with only four players.

Pasion De Amor went for the zone defense with one man down and seemed headed for the win only to commit a foul in the last two seconds of regulation. It was a big blow, as Rey Pestillo was caught holding down J.R. Barrios and was charged with an unsportsmanlike foul that meant two free throws for Hard Kulangot plus possession.

Fortunately for Pasion De Amor, Barrios split his charities, missing the first one and making the second to force the deadlock. Barrios later missed a triple at the buzzer, sending the



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Leina to turn pro, CSU assistant coach

FACEBOOK

Leina Kim will be making her debut as one of the Colorado State University-Pueblo Lady ThunderWolves' assistant coaches in the coming Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Fall season.



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Leina Kim aims to put the CNMI on the LPGA Tour map after she decided to turn professional once she finishes her degree at Colorado State University-Pueblo in spring of next year.

Kim, a five-time Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Golfer of the Week recipient, made the announcement on a Facebook post last Friday.

"Today, I have received news about my eligibility. Unfortunately, my college golf career has come to an end," said Kim, who helped the CSU-Pueblo Lady ThunderWolves to a runner-up finish in the RMAC Championship last spring sea-



son. The Business and Sports Management senior, who will graduate in spring 2016, said she would now be part of the coaching staff of head mentor Josh Koschke together with

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NMIFA holds send-off for 3 AFC tourney-bound teams

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
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Sending off three teams all at the same time is a testament to the significant achievement of CNMI football in the last 10 years.

"Wow. We've really come a long way in such a short history," Northern Mariana Islands Football Association vice president and NMIFA youth committee head Vickie Izuka said during the send-off ceremony for the CNMI U14, U15, and U19 squads last Saturday at the lobby of Kanoa Resort.

The U14 crew, which left Saipan yesterday, is headed to Beijing, China for the AFC

U14 Regional Festival of Football that will run from Sept. 7 to 14, while the U16 and U19 teams will travel later this week to Laos and Thailand, respectively. The CNMI's U16 players will participate in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers in Vientiane from Sept. 12 to 20, while the oldest squad will join the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers in Bangkok from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4.

It is the first time in NMIFA's 10 years of existence that the federation is fielding teams in three successive tournaments in a month and for this year alone, five CNMI squads (including the girls U14 team

and the CNMI Women's All-Stars) have earned the chance to compete off-island. Another team composed of U13 players is heading to another regional tournament later this year.

With these developments, Izuka can't help but look back

at CNMI football and NMIFA's humble beginnings.

"We were the newcomers in 2006 with teams curious about our players when we played in an EAFF (East Asian Football

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Members of the CNMI U14 National Team pose for a photo during a send-off ceremony at the lobby of Kanoa Resort last Saturday.



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Members of the CNMI U16 National Team pose for a photo during a send-off ceremony at the lobby of Kanoa Resort last Saturday.



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Members of the CNMI U19 National Team pose for a photo during a send-off ceremony at the lobby of Kanoa Resort last Saturday.

Hard Kulangot wins in OT

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Hard Kulangot outlasted Pasion De Amor in overtime, 85-81, in the lone game completed in the 2015 Blue Haus-IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League last Saturday night at the Navy Hill court.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Hard Kulangot's Jerome Polisco bulldozes his way against the defense of Pasion De Amor's Boyer Arreza during the extension period in their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Saturday at the Navy Hill Court.